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Summary of Benefits for Rhode Island, MEDICAID

Children's Dental Services

Preventive Services

	Is the service Covered?			Frequency	List any service-specific limitations
	Yes	Only with prior authorization	No		
Cleanings	X			2 x year	
Fluoride treatments (including fluoride varnishes)	X			2 x year	
Sealants (list any tooth-specific limits)	X			1 x every 5 years	Excludes third molars. Must be placed on occlusal surfaces (tops) of teeth, for enrollees under age 21.
Space maintainers	X			1 x lifetime	Covered for enrollees under age 21. No replacement if lost or stolen.



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Diagnostic Services

	Is the service Covered?			Frequency	List any service-specific limitations	Recommended age of first visit?
	Yes	Only with prior authorization	No			
Dental examinations						
	X			2 x year		1
X-Rays						
Bitewing	X			1 x year		
Full Mouth	X			1 x every 4 years		
Panoramic	X			1 x every 4 years		



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Treatment Services

	Is the service Covered?			Frequency	List any service-specific limitations	Criteria for coverage
	Yes	Only with prior authorization	No			
Fillings						
Silver amalgam	X					
Tooth colored composite	X				Covered for enrollees under 21 years	
Crowns/tooth caps						
Stainless steel crowns	X				For primary posterior (back) teeth	
Metal (only) crowns	X				Covered for enrollees under 21 years	
Metal/porcelain crowns	X				Covered for enrollees under 21 years	
Porcelain (only) crowns			X			
Root Canals (endodontics)						
Root canals on baby teeth (pulpotomies)	X				Once per primary tooth per enrollee lifetime	
Root canals on permanent teeth	X				Covered for enrollees under 21 years	
Gum (periodontal) therapy						
	X				For a complete list of service limitations, please go to www.dhs.ri.gov under "provider manuals"	



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Dentures						
Partial dentures	X				Once per enrollee every 5 years	
Complete dentures	X				Once per enrollee every 5 years	
Bridges	X				Covered for anterior permanent teeth only. Enrollees must be under 21 years of age.	
Orthodontics*						
Retainers (orthodontic)		X			Treatment must be started while enrollees are under age 21.	



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Braces		X			Treatment must be started while enrollees are under age 21.	The HLD Index (Handicapping Labio-lingual Deviation) is applied to each case to determine medical necessity. A score of 20 is needed for case approval/payment by the State. For more specific guidance, please visit: www.dhs.ri.gov under "Provider Manua



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Oral surgery						
Simple extractions	X				Once per tooth per enrollee. Includes local anesthesia, suturing, if needed, and routine postoperative care	
Surgical extractions	X				Once per tooth per enrollee. Includes local anesthesia, suturing, if needed, and routine postoperative care	
Care of abscesses	X				Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Cleft palate treatment	X				Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Cancer treatment	X				Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	



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Treatment of fractures	X				Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Biopsies	X				Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Treatment of jaw joint problems (TMJ)						
					Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Emergency room services provided by a dentist						
					Service is covered on the medical side either through the traditional FFS deliver system or through one of the managed care health plans.	
Inpatient Hospital Services						
					Limited to enrollees under age 21.	



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Anesthesia						
General anesthesia	X				Limited to enrollees under age 21.	
Intravenous conscious sedation	X					
Non-intravenous conscious sedation			X			
Analgesia (nitrous oxide)	X				Limited to enrollees under age 21.	

* When this information is posted on the Insure Kids Now website, we will include a special note for orthodontic services explaining that parents and caretakers should work with their child's orthodontist to ensure that the treatment and payment terms and conditions are clear at the outset of treatment (for example, what happens in the case of a child who becomes ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP while he or she is undergoing orthodontic treatment?).